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This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), received on September 10, 2009 for the above-identified application.

The request is DISMISSED.

Applicant requests that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains a material error on the front page of the application wherein the title of the invention “WINDOW BLIND SYSTEM” was misprinted as “IMAGE ANALYSIS SYSTEM”.

37 CFR 1.221 (b) is applicable “only when the Office makes a material mistake which is apparent from Office records.... Any request for a corrected publication or revised patent application publication other than provided as provided in paragraph (a) of this section must be filed within two months from the date of the patent application publication. This period is not extendable.” A material mistake must affect the public’s ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication, or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent.¹

The error on the front page of the publication wherein the title of the invention was misprinted may be an Office error, but it is a not material Office error under 37 CFR 1.221. The error does not affect the understanding of the application. The mistake does not affect the public’s ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, or determine the scope of the patent application publication or determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent.

¹Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239, Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

It is noted that the National Stage Entry request and preliminary amendment state that the title is "Image Analysis System".

On May 14, 2009, a Filing Receipt was mailed by the Office, which improperly listed the title of the invention. To avoid this type of problem in the future, applicant's representative should correct the error and make a request for a corrected filing receipt prior to export of the application to the publisher and publication of the application.

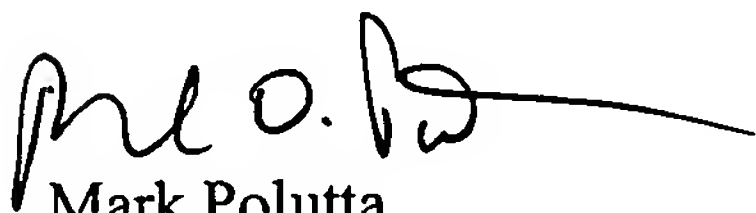
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